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Captain Charles Morrill Smith Papers
Inclusive dates 1875-1935
Bulk dates – 1881 to 1886

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Abstract

Smith, Charles Morrill, *Captain* (b.1836-d.1899)

Papers, 1875-1935 (Bulk dates: 1881-1886)

1 Box

Master mariner and ship owner from Ellsworth, Maine.

Papers relating to the *Mary Lord* (Three-mast schooner) including correspondence, invoices, receipts, charter parties, bills of lading, manifests, and an article of agreement. Included a various miscellaneous documents including one account summary for the yacht *Monaloe*.

Dealer Dan Fortin exchange December, 1977.

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Finding aid in repository; folder level control.

Added Entries—persons

Smith, Charles Morrill, *Captain*

Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels)

Mary Lord (Three-mast schooner)

Monaloe (Yacht)

Added entries—key terms

Certificates

Crew Lists

Manifests

Ship captains

Shipping

Ships—Cargo

Wages

Acquisition

The Maine Maritime Museum acquired the papers of Captain Charles Morrill Smith from dealer Dan Fortin in December 1977, in exchange for non-Maine material.

Provenance

The Captain Charles Morrill Smith Papers (acc. 77.129.9) were originally in with the Capt. Ansel Alfonso Auspland Papers, acc. no. 77.129.8). They were removed and reassigned to a new manuscript number: MS-502. Please see MS-501, Auspland Papers or provenance.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on the use of these materials for study or research.

Physical Condition

The papers have surface dirt. Some are discolored with holes, tears on edges with crease and fold lines. These should be handled with care.

Biographical Notes

Captain Charles Morrill Smith was born about 1836 in Surry, Maine to Naham and Aphia Smith. He married Susan A. Young of Surrey on December 30, 1861. They had children Charles O. (1864-1875), Harry C. (1869-1953) and Lillian E. and lived in Ellsworth, Maine. In 1863, at age 25, he enrolled in the Fifth District of Maine. Captain Smith was at sea most of his lifetime. He sailed the *Mary Lord* (Three-mast schooner), *Maid of Mist* (Schooner) and the *Charles A. Gilberg* (Three-mast schooner). The *Charles A. Gilberg* was built for him in Columbia Falls and launched in 1890. Captain Smith died at sea on the *Charles A. Gilberg* (Schooner) on September 30, 1899 after contracting a fever in Savannah. The vessel was on a voyage to Pernambuco, Brazil. Mrs. Smith died on February 18, 1914. Captain Smith is buried at Woodbine Cemetery, Lot 260, in Ellsworth, Maine next to his wife and children Charles O. and Harry C.

References

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4. Long, Alice Macdonald, ed. *Marriage Records of Hancock County, Maine Prior to 1892*.

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5. "Obituary." *Ellsworth American*. 25 February 1915.

Scope and Content Notes

The Captain Charles MorrillSmith papers are primarily for the *Mary Lord* (Three-mast schooner) dated 1882 through 1887. Contents include correspondence, various general accounts, charter parties, bills of lading, manifests, and article of agreement.

Correspondence include five incoming from various merchants and/or ship broker (John S. Emery) and one outgoing letter from Capt. Smith to James Borland & Co. dated June 22, 1882 requesting he pay Miss Annie Sweezy \$15 for advance wages of steward.

Numerous miscellaneous papers includes one receipt from of Miss. Anna W. Towers for \$17 dated 1875, advertisement cards including an invitation and free pass for Capt. Smith to Koster and Bial's Concert dated 1886, a carbon copy typescript message from King George dated Nov. 12, 1918 thanking the allied arms for WWI victory, account summary for the yacht *Monaloe* dated 1935 and a number of envelopes with no contents.

Processing Notes

The papers were already loosely organized. The arrangement of the manuscripts follows a standardized sequence to simplify access. Papers are organized chronologically within each folder.

Description of Collection

Series I. Mary Lord (Three-mast schooner)

Subseries IA. Correspondence (1882-1884): One outgoing and five incoming letters.

Subseries IB. Accounts (1881-1889): includes invoices, receipts, charter parties, bills of lading, manifest, and an article of agreement

Series II. Miscellaneous Papers (n.d., 1875, 1881, 1886, 1918, 1935): Various papers and ephemera including two receipts, advertisements, typescript message [speech] from King George thanking allied support during WWI, an account summary for the yacht *Monaloe* and empty envelopes.

MS-502 CAPT. CHARLES MORRILL SMITH PAPERS
Container List

Series I *Mary Lord* (Three-mast schooner)

Box# Folder#

Subseries IA. Correspondence

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|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Outgoing, 1882 |
| | | Incoming, 1882-1884 |

Subseries IB. Accounts

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| 2 | New York-Savannah-Brunswick-New York, Dec. 1881-March 1882 |
| 3 | Fernandina (FL) & New York, April-May, 1882 |
| 4 | New York-Fernandina (FL), Jun-July 1882 |
| 5 | Atlanta-New York-Brunswick (GA), Aug-Oct. 1882 |
| 6 | Noank & New London (CT)-New York, Nov. 1882 |
| 7 | Charleston, Jan. 1884 / Boston, June 1884 / San Juan-Trinidad (BWI),
July-Aug. 1884 |
| 8 | Charleston & Wilmington (NC), Dec.1884-Feb. 1885 |
| 9 | Demerary-Barbados, Mar-Apr. 1885 |
| 10 | Boston, June 1885 |
| 11 | Ellsworth-Bangor, Nov.-Dec. 1885 |
| 12 | Georgetown (SC), Aug. 1886 |
| 13 | New York, March 1887 |
| 14 | Galveston, July 1887 |
| 15 | Accounts, charter parties, 1881-1886 |
| | Accounts, Freight and Cargo |
| 16 | Bills of Lading, 1881-85 |
| 17 | Manifests, 1882, 1885 |
| 18 | Accounts, crew, Articles of Agreement, 1884 |

Series II. Miscellaneous Papers

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| 19 | Receipts (Miss Anna W. Towers, 1875 and postal receipt, n.d., 1881) |
| 20 | Advertisements, n.d., 1886 |
| 21 | King George message, Nov. 12, 1918 |
| 22 | Account summary for <i>Monaloe</i> (Yacht), 1935 |
| 23 | Envelopes, no contents |